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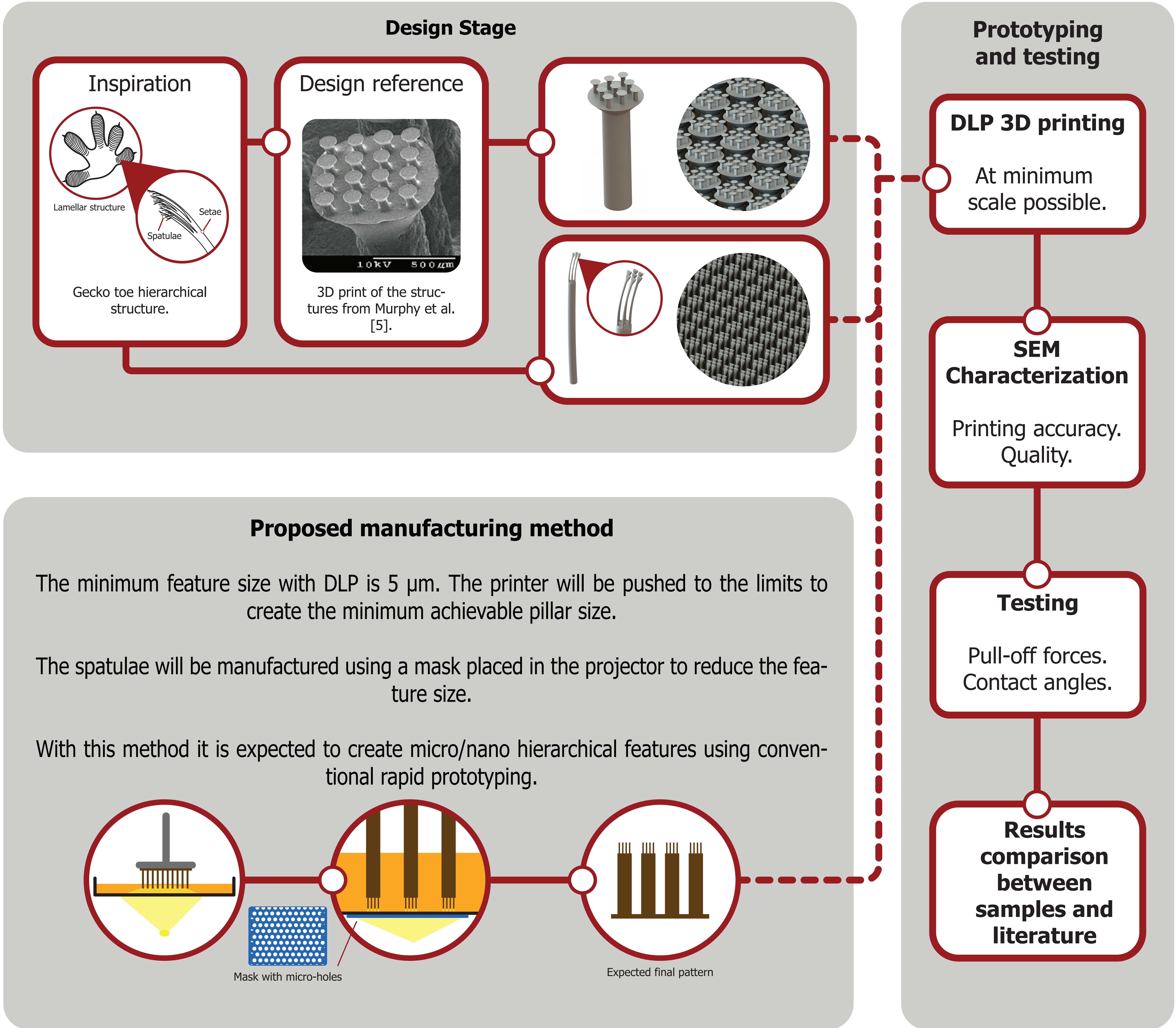
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### Summary

The ability of the gecko to scurry across smooth or rough surfaces, regardless of inclination (vertical or even upside down), has been traced to the multiscale hierarchical structures of the gecko toe [1 - 3]. Considering all the strategies to manufacture bio-inspired surfaces, the most common is polymer replica molding (REM) [4]. This project will further study the influence of pillar size, shape, aspect ratio, tilting angle and levels of hierarchies in terms of wettability and adhesion, using a cost effective rapid prototyping method with direct light processing (DLP). The aim of this project will be to seek the feasibility to rapid prototype gecko surface geometries. Furthermore, a micromanufacturing method is proposed using DLP and a mask.

## Project concepts and working procedure



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